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1. DEP. ASST. SEC. WALDMANN TODAY HANDED DANISH
MINISTER-COUNSELOR HAXTHAUSEN NOTE URGING DANISH
GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSED COPENHAGEN-
BERLIN SERVICE. MAIN THRUST OF US PRESENTATION WAS
THAT USG CONSIDERS PROPOSED SERVICE CONSISTENT WITH
US-DENMARK AIR AGREEMENT. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

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THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE EMBASSY OF

DENMARK'S NOTE NO. 93.D.4 DATED MAY 10, 1974, AND
STATES THE FOLLOWING:

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS SURPRISED AND DISAPPOINTED
BY THE RESPONSE OF THE DANISH AUTHORITIES TO THE
DEPARTMENT'S NOTE DATED APRIL 9, 1974. IT HAD BEEN
BELIEVED, ON THE BASIS OF PRIOR SUGGESTIONS BY THE
DANISH AUTHORITIES, THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK WOULD
NOT POSE ANY OBJECTION TO INAUGURATION OF A COPENHAGEN-
BERLIN SERVICE ON THE BASIS PROPOSED ON APRIL 9 BY THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PARTICULARLY SURPRISED
BY THE OVERRIDING WEIGHT ACCORDED BY THE DANISH
AUTHORITIES TO A HIGHLY TECHNICAL ASPECT OF THE PROPOSED
SERVICE IN THE LIGHT OF THE BROADER POLITICAL
CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED AND OF THE LARGE IMBALANCE IN
COMMERCIAL BENEFITS ENJOYED BY DENMARK, AS WELL AS
NORWAY AND SWEDEN, UNDER BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENTS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT THE SERVICE AS PROPOSED IS
CONSISTENT WITH THE UNITED STATES-DENMARK AIR TRANSPORT
AGREEMENT AND SUGGESTS THAT INTERPOSITION OF
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS OF LENGTH OF STOPOVER ARE
INAPPROPRIATE IN CIRCUMSTANCES HAVING MUCH LARGER
IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE. ACCORDINGLY, THE UNITED
STATES GOVERNMENT IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE SERVICE SHOULD
BE ALLOWED WITHOUT REGARD TO, OR POSSIBLE PREJUDICE TO,
DIFFERING POSITIONS ON THE TECHNICAL ISSUE INVOLVED.
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
WOULD HOPE, IN THE INTEREST OF ACCOMMODATING THE BROAD
MUTUAL POLITICAL OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED BY THE SERVICE,
THAT THE DANISH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT REFUSE TO
AUTHORIZE THE SERVICE, BASED ON A TECHNICAL OBJECTION.
SUCH A REFUSAL, IN THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT, WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE SPIRIT AND
TERMS OF THE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT.

THEREFORE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT URGES THE
DANISH GOVERNMENT TO UNDERTAKE AN EARLY REVIEW OF
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THIS MATTER IN THE EXPECTATION THAT A FAVORABLE REPLY
WILL PERMIT INAUGURATION OF THE SERVICE IN QUESTION
ON MAY 22, 1974, AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.
END QUOTE.

2. DANES ASKED FOR EXAMPLES OF LONG STOPOVERS SUCH AS
SCHEDULED IN BERLIN. DEPT OFFS HEWED TO LINE THAT
QUESTIONS OF LENGTH OF PROPOSED STOPOVERS ARE MERE

TECHNICALITIES WHICH SHOULD IN THIS INSTANCE BE PUT
ASIDE IN VIEW OF UNIQUE STATUS OF BERLIN AND OF BERLIN
AIR SERVICES. DANES TOOK NOTE THAT US REQUEST FOR
RESPONSE PRIOR TO MAY 22 MAKES MATTER EXTREMELY
URGENT.

3. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH
APPROPRIATE FONOFF AND/OR CIVAIR AUTHORITIES, STRESSING
STRONG INTEREST WHICH USG ATTACHES TO THIS ISSUE.
AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT SAS SCHEDULED
SERVICE (PASSENGER, CARGO AND MAIL) REVENUES IN US-
SCANDINAVIAN MARKET TOTAL ABOUT 70 MILLION DOLLARS

ANNUALLY, WHILE TOTAL FOR US AIRLINE IS ABOUT 11 MILLION
DOLLARS.

FYI. IT NOW SEEMS LIKELY THAT DATE TO INITIATE SERVICE
WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY JUNE, BUT WE
WISH TO MAINTAIN INTENT TO START MAY 22 IN DEALING WITH
DANES. END FYI. RUSH

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